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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 863

S. P. 290

In Senate, January 30, 1963

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Campbell of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Nonjudicial Involuntary Admission Procedure of Mentally
Ill.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 27, § 173, amended. Section 173 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 303 of the public laws of 1961, is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

'In the event that the examining physicians shall certify that in their opinion the individual examined is mentally ill and is in need of care or treatment in a mental hospital, and because of his illness lacks sufficient insight or capacity to make responsible application therefor, such physicians shall further certify that they have informed the individual examined that he is under no legal compulsion to undergo hospitalization, and that they have also informed the legal guardian, spouse, parent or adult next of kin of the individual examined of this fact, if any such person exists, and his whereabouts is known.'